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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC SHUM NI
SUBJECT: RAY BAKER'S REENTRY PERMIT

REF: LAGOS 8047

1. FABUNMI TOLD DCM TODAY THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE CABINET OFFICE AND THAT HE HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN A LETTER CONFIRMING THE DECISION WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE BAKER CASE. HE SAID THAT THE LETTER WRITING PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY THE ABSENCE OF A KEY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, THE HEAVY DESK LOAD WHICH AWAITED HIM ON HIS RETURN, NON-WORKING TELEPHONES, ETC. FABUNMI SAID THAT HE STILL HOPES TO RECEIVE THE LETTER THIS WEEK BUT THAT IT MIGHT SLIP UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. DCM EXPLAINED TO HIM WHY BAKER CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO VISIT NIGERIA THIS MONTH AND POINTED OUT THAT AMBASSADOR EASUM WILL HAVE TO MENTION THE BAKER CASE TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER GARBA IF HE SEES GARBA IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO, AS HE HAS REQUESTED. FABUNMI COMMENTED THAT TAKING THE MATTER UP AT A HIGHER LEVEL MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AT AN EARLIER STAGE BUT THAT SUCH DANGER NO LONGER EXISTS IN HIS OPINION.

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3. THE AMBASSADOR HAS A VERY TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH GARBA FOR THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 6 AND WILL DISCUSS THE BAKER CASE ALONG WITH OTHER MATTERS IF THAT APPOINTMENT IS CONFIRMED.

4. COMMENT: NOT CLEAR WHETHER FABUNMI'S REFERENCE

TO A HIGHER LEVEL MEANT GARBA ONLY OR INCLUDED
YAR'ADUA, BUT AMBASSADOR AT ANY RATE INTENDS INFORM
GARBA THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO ALTERNATIVE TO
MOVING THE MATTER TO YAR'ADUA IN THE EVENT PROMPT
AND FAVORABLE ACTION IS NOT NOW RPT NOW FORTHCOMING
FROM MEA.
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